

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (New) A computer-implemented method of using a temporary favorite link providing that a panel previously displayed on a graphical user interface can be displayed again, the method comprising:

displaying a selected panel on a graphical user interface;

receiving, while the selected panel is being displayed, a first user input to create a first user-selectable command for displaying the selected panel, the first user-selectable command comprising a temporary favorite link and thereafter being associated with a favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the first user-selectable command when displayed; and
ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a predetermined event comprising that the favorite-link menu contains a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the first user-selectable command.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the favorite-link menu is not continuously displayed on the graphical user interface, and wherein a user can cause the favorite-link menu to be displayed by selecting an input control for the favorite-link menu.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the first user-selectable command ceasing to be associated with the favorite-link menu is noticeable to the user at a first time the favorite-link menu is displayed after the predetermined event.

40. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the selected panel belongs to an application program, wherein the application program is being executed when the first user input is received and thereafter closed before the predetermined event, and wherein closing the application program does not cause the first user-selectable command to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu.

41. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein a plurality of user-selectable commands comprising favorite links is displayed in the favorite-link menu, the plurality of user-selectable commands associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the plurality of user-selectable commands when displayed.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to passage of a predetermined amount of time, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to a user selecting the second user-selectable command, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

44. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to an application program to which the selected panel belongs being closed, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

45. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to a computer system to which the graphical user interface belongs being shut down, such that the favorite-link menu when again displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

46. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is not temporary and does not cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu upon user selection, such that the favorite-link menu continues to contain the second user-selectable command when displayed also after the user selection.

47. (New) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a device, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed, cause a processor to perform operations comprising:

displaying a selected panel on a graphical user interface;

receiving, while the selected panel is being displayed, a first user input to create a first user-selectable command for displaying the selected panel, the first user-selectable command comprising a temporary favorite link and thereafter being associated with a favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the first user-selectable command when displayed; and

ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a predetermined event comprising that the favorite-link menu contains a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the first user-selectable command.

48. (New) The computer program product of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:

display a plurality of user-selectable commands comprising favorite links in the favorite-link menu, the plurality of user-selectable commands associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the plurality of user-selectable commands when displayed.

49. (New) The computer program product of claim 48, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to passage of a predetermined amount of time, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

50. (New) The computer program product of claim 48, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is not temporary and does not cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu upon the predetermined event, such that the favorite-link menu continues to contain the second user-selectable command when displayed also after the predetermined event.

51. (New) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a device, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed, generate on a display device a graphical user interface on which a previously displayed panel can again be displayed using a temporary favorite link, the graphical user interface comprising:

- a panel display area wherein a selected panel is displayed;
- an input control that creates a first user-selectable command comprising a temporary favorite link for displaying the selected panel; and
- a favorite-link menu with which the first user-selectable command created using the input control is associated upon creation, such that the favorite-link menu contains the first user-selectable command when displayed, wherein the created first user-selectable command in the favorite-link menu ceases to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to a predetermined event comprising that the favorite-link menu contains a certain number of user-

selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the first user-selectable command.

52. (New) The computer program product of claim 51, wherein a plurality of user-selectable commands comprising favorite links is displayed in the favorite-link menu, the plurality of user-selectable commands associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the plurality of user-selectable commands when displayed.

53. (New) The computer program product of claim 52, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to passage of a predetermined amount of time, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

54. (New) The computer program product of claim 52, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is not temporary and does not cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu upon the predetermined event, such that the favorite-link menu continues to contain the second user-selectable command when displayed also after the predetermined event.

55. (New) A computer-implemented method of using a temporary favorite link providing that a panel previously displayed on a graphical user interface can be displayed again, the method comprising:

determining a number of user-selectable commands that can be contained in a favorite-link menu;

displaying a selected panel on a graphical user interface;

receiving, while the selected panel is being displayed, a first user input to create a first user-selectable command for displaying the selected panel, the first user-selectable command

comprising a temporary favorite link and thereafter being associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the first user-selectable command when displayed;

determining whether the favorite-link menu contains the number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created;

(i) ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that the favorite-link menu contains the number of user-selectable commands, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the first user-selectable command;

(ii) not ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that the favorite-link menu does not contain the number of user-selectable commands, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed contains the first user-selectable command.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the favorite-link menu is not continuously displayed on the graphical user interface, and wherein a user can cause the favorite-link menu to be displayed by selecting an input control for the favorite-link menu.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the first user-selectable command ceasing to be associated with the favorite-link menu is noticeable to the user at a first time the favorite-link menu is displayed after the predetermined event.

58. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the selected panel belongs to an application program, wherein the application program is being executed when the first user input is received and thereafter closed before the predetermined event, and wherein closing the application program does not cause the first user-selectable command to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu.

59. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein a plurality of user-selectable commands comprising favorite links is displayed in the favorite-link menu, the plurality of user-selectable commands associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the plurality of user-selectable commands when displayed.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to passage of a predetermined amount of time, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to a user selecting the second user-selectable command, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

62. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to an application program to which the selected panel belongs being closed, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

63. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to a computer system to which the graphical user interface belongs being shut down, such that the favorite-link menu when again displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

64. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is not temporary and does not cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu upon user selection, such that the favorite-link menu continues to contain the second user-selectable command when displayed also after the user selection.

65. (New) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a device, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed, cause a processor to perform operations comprising:

- determining a number of user-selectable commands that can be contained in a favorite-link menu;

- displaying a selected panel on a graphical user interface;

- receiving, while the selected panel is being displayed, a first user input to create a first user-selectable command for displaying the selected panel, the first user-selectable command comprising a temporary favorite link and thereafter being associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the first user-selectable command when displayed;

- determining whether the favorite-link menu contains the number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created;

- (i) ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that the favorite-link menu contains the number of user-selectable commands, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the first user-selectable command;

- (ii) not ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that the favorite-link menu does not contain the number of user-selectable commands, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed contains the first user-selectable command.

66. (New) The computer program product of claim 65, wherein the operations further comprise:

display a plurality of user-selectable commands comprising favorite links in the favorite-link menu, the plurality of user-selectable commands associated with the favorite-link menu such that the favorite-link menu contains the plurality of user-selectable commands when displayed.

67. (New) The computer program product of claim 66, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is configured to cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu in response to passage of a predetermined amount of time, such that the favorite-link menu when displayed does not contain the second user-selectable command.

68. (New) The computer program product of claim 66, wherein a second user-selectable command of the plurality of user-selectable commands is not temporary and does not cease to be associated with the favorite-link menu upon the predetermined event, such that the favorite-link menu continues to contain the second user-selectable command when displayed also after the predetermined event.